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#### Maintenance of Kala Taj

6344. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of items from Kala Taj a semi constructed building near Taj have been stolen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government for preservation and maintenance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is no monument known as Kala Taj in existence near Taj Mahal, Agra.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Montreal Protocol

6346. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI:

DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to sign Montreal Protocol;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the advantages which India expects to accrue from the Protocol particularly in the context of the provision for CFC switchover fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Government have decided to join the Montreal Protocol after the amendments to the Protocol adopted at London in June, 1990 come into force.

(b) The Montreal Protocol of September 1987 provides for the phase out of certain ozone-depleting substances, in a given time-frame. It also contains provisions for international cooperation for this purpose. Copies of the Protocol are available in Parliament Library for perusal by Hon'ble Members.

(c) Financial and Technical cooperation including transfer of technology would be available to India from the Multilateral Fund under the amended Protocol, once India joins the Protocol.

#### Financial Help to Sports persons

6347. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey with regard to the plight of sportsmen/women who represented States and National in the past has been made;

(b) If so, the number of them who are living in indigent circumstances; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to provide financial assistance to such sportspersons of yesteryears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The meritorious Sportspersons of yesteryears, who are living in indigent circumstances are eligible for financial assistance under the scheme of 'National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

#### **Indira Mahila Yojna**

6348. DR. C. SILVERA:  
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch an integrated scheme for development of women and children under Indira Mahila Yojna;

(b) if so, the details of such scheme;

(c) whether any strategy for implementation of this scheme has also been prepared; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is committed to the launching of an Integrated Programme for the development of women and children, named, Indira Mahila Yojna. This scheme would aim at developing a new sense of awareness among women particularly, in rural areas and empowering them so that they become active participants in the process of social transformation and regeneration.

(b) to (d). The details of this scheme and strategy for implementation of the scheme are being worked out. Detailed consultations with various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India and representatives of the State Governments and Union Territory Administration have also been held.

#### **Educationally Backward Districts of Bihar**

6349. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the educationally backward districts of Bihar which are below Bihar's average level of literacy;

(b) whether the Government have provided special funds for upgrading the literacy level in such districts in the country; and

(c) if so, the total amount allocated for the purpose during 1991-92 and share of Bihar thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored